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AT GENERAL MARSHALL'S REQUEST, GENERAL WEDEMEYER HAS RECOMMENDED TO WAR DEPARTMENT THAT THE CHINA THEATER BE INACTIVATED 1ST OF MAY 1946 AND THAT RESIDUAL THEATER FUNCTIONS BE TRANSFERRED TO MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. THE MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP DOES NOT CONTAIN SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONS AND THERE IS NO OTHER U.S. MILITARY GROUP IN CHINA WHICH WE CAN USE AS COVER. THEATER IS NOW DEVELOPING PLANS IN CASE GENERAL WEDEMEYER'S RECOMMENDATIONS ARE APPROVED THAT ALL ADMINISTRATIVE, LOGISTICAL AND COURTESY ASSISTANCE NOW BEING GIVEN US BY THEATER WILL CEASE ON 1 MAY.

THIS POSES THE FOLLOWING BASIC PROBLEMS IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE: TRANSPORTATION, SUPPLY, COMMUNICATION OUTSIDE THE CHINA THEATER, MESSING, BILLETING, AND PAYMENT OF PERSONNEL. WE CAN PROBABLY SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE NAVY, MARINES, STATE DEPARTMENT AND

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MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP, BUT WILL NEED A CLEAR DIRECTIVE FROM HIGH WASHINGTON AUTHORITY TO GET THEIR ASSISTANCE.

IF THEATER IS TO BE INACTIVATED IN 1946 DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL REMAIN RESTS WITH THE WAR DEPARTMENT. THE DESIRES OF GENERAL MARSHALL SHOULD BE OBTAINED AND CONCURRENCE OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT RECEIVED. REQUEST IMMEDIATE DIRECTIVE AS TO:

1. WHETHER WE INACTIVATE ON 1 MAY 1946 OR,
2. WHETHER WE CONTINUE OPERATIONS, AND IF SO ON WHAT BASIS.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT A DIRECTIVE BE SENT SOONEST SINCE ANY DECISION WILL REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION BY US.

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